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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111 and 37 CFR 1.53 is the  Design  Utility patent application of:

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**Inventor:** Contini et al.  
**Entitled:** Balancing Fluid Storage and Delivery System  
 For a Washing Machine

Customer Number

27238

Enclosed are:

30 page(s) of written description, claims and abstract

11 sheet(s) of drawings ( formal  informal)

Three assignments of the invention

Executed (original or copy) declaration of the inventor(s)

A certified copy of a priority document

Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 CFR 1.27)

Preliminary Amendment

Information Disclosure Statement

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CONTINUING APPLICATION (see requisite information below and accompanying preliminary amendment, or Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76):

Continuation       Divisional       Continuation-In-Part (CIP) of prior application

Copy of declaration of the inventor(s) from a prior application (Continuation/Divisional information completed above)

Prior application information: Examiner: Group Art Unit:

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ITEM	AS FILED	# EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY	FULL FEE
Basic Fee			<input type="checkbox"/> Utility..... \$385.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Design..... \$170.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utility..... \$770.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Design..... \$340.00
Total Claims	26 - 20 =	6	x \$9 =	x \$18 = 108.00
Independent Claims	3 - 3 =	0	x \$43 =	x \$86 =
Multiple Dependent Claims in Proper Form Presented			+ \$145 =	+ \$290 =
<b>TOTAL:</b>			\$	\$ 878.00

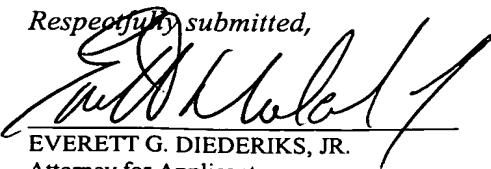
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